

# KANSAS BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

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## Mission Statement

*The mission of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology is to protect the health and safety of the consuming public by licensing qualified individuals and enforcing standards of practice.*

## Permanent Cosmetics/Cosmetic Tattooing/Micropigmentation

A trend gaining popularity in Kansas is permanent cosmetics, also referred to as cosmetic tattooing or micropigmentation. This procedure is a form of tattooing as pigment is inserted into the skin. Oftentimes women seek these services to enhance their appearance with permanent eyeliner, eyebrow definition or lip lining (to define or color the lips).



To provide these services in Kansas, the practitioner must be licensed as a permanent cosmetic technician/cosmetic tattoo artist by the Kansas Board of Cosmetology. Furthermore these services may only be provided in a facility licensed to provide tattoo services by the Kansas Board of Cosmetology.

Failure to comply with the law subjects the practitioner and facility owner to disciplinary action in addition to a monetary fine "in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for the first violation, \$10,000 for the second violation and \$15,000 for the third violation and for each subsequent violation." (K.S.A. 65-1954)

The following is a partial listing of Kansas licensure requirements (a full listing is available by reviewing Kansas law):

- Attain 1200 hours of theory and practical training under the direct supervision of an approved trainer or complete 600 hours of theory and practical training in a Board approved and licensed school;
- Complete 50 permanent cosmetic procedures during the above noted training period; and
- Successfully complete written and practical exams for licensure.



Because of the growing popularity of this service, trade shows feature demonstrations of the above listed procedures and equipment necessary to provide the services.

Initial training usually consists of two or three days. Advanced training sessions may also be offered. This training falls far short of that required by Kansas law.

## Body Art

Body art – which involves all forms of tattooing and body piercing – is regulated by 36 states, including Kansas. In 1997 legislation was enacted in Kansas whereby tattoo artists, permanent cosmetic technicians/cosmetic tattoo artists and body piercers must be licensed by the Kansas Board of Cosmetology. Likewise the facility must be licensed by the Kansas Board of Cosmetology to provide these specific services.

More information on body art laws and regulations may be accessed at the above website.

## Ear Piercing

Body piercing as noted above is regulated by the Kansas Board of Cosmetology and individuals who provide these services must be licensed by this office. Furthermore the facility must be specifically licensed to provide this service.

Salons may offer ear piercing services; however the law only allows non-licensed individuals to pierce the earlobe. All other piercing services – for example but not limited to, ear cartilage piercings, eyebrow piercings, and nose/nostril piercings - may only be provided by a licensed body piercer.

Failure to comply with the law subjects a practitioner and facility to disciplinary action and monetary fines as listed in the above article on permanent cosmetics/cosmetic tattooing.

## Address Change

To maintain accurate information in your licensing file, the Board asks that all licensees notify the Board office within 10 days of an address change. Address changes may be sent to the above listed Board address, faxed to 785/296-3002, or e-mailed to [kboc@kboc.state.ks.us](mailto:kboc@kboc.state.ks.us).



You must attach a copy of your current government issued photo identification which includes your updated address and signature. (For example, a drivers license meets this identification requirement.)

Please understand that notifying the post office does not automatically notify us of an address change.

## Exam Raters



Do you want to promote the cosmetology professions and be paid for your efforts? Should you be interested in becoming an exam rater for the State Board practical exams, please forward your resume to the Board office. Your resume will be sent to the testing organization who will contact you regarding compensation, training and other details.

## Discard or Disinfect

All single use items or items that cannot be disinfected - for example, buffers, emery boards, toe separators, cosmetic sponges, and orangewood sticks – must be discarded. The guideline is DISCARD or DISINFECT.

### Ear Candling

Ear candling (ear coning) has become an increasingly popular service offered in cosmetology salons. The Board has received numerous complaints and inquiries regarding this service.

Oftentimes practitioners and salons provide information to consumers whereby claims are made that ear candling may relieve ear infections, sinus headaches, wax buildup and hearing impairments. To make such claims is clearly a violation of Kansas law.

K.S.A. 65-1901 states practitioners may provide a "non-invasive beautifying process on any skin surface" for "purposes other than treatment of medical, physical or mental ailments."

Clearly ear candling is not a beautifying process and Kansas Board of Cosmetology licensees are prohibited from offering any service which claims to alleviate any medical or physical ailment.

You may have observed an ear candling demonstration at a trade show and see this as an additional service to offer your clientele while also increasing your salon revenue. However before offering additional services you are advised to review the Kansas law booklet provided at the time of your license renewal. Failure to review law and regulation may result in your investment in equipment and supplies for services that practitioners and salons are prohibited from providing.

### TWO Required Disinfectants for Salon Use

The most common violation noted during salon inspections is the failure to have **TWO** required EPA registered disinfectants as outlined in Kansas Administrative Regulation (K.A.R.) 28-24-10.

For routine disinfectant procedures practitioners are required to use an EPA registered disinfectant containing ingredients effective in destroying:

- 1) Bacteria,
- 2) Fungi, and
- 3) Viruses.

Those instruments or equipment that may have come in contact with blood or body fluids must be immediately disinfected with an EPA registered disinfectant effective against:

- 1) Bactericidal,
- 2) Fungicidal,
- 3) Virucidal and
- 4) Tuberculocidal activity.



Equally important is to:

**REMOVE** all foreign material from the tool or device

**CLEAN** thoroughly with soap/detergent and water

**RINSE** with clean, clear water and

**IMMERSE** in an EPA registered disinfectant used according to manufacturer instructions, and

**STORE** all disinfected items in a disinfected, covered and dry container.

### Health and Sanitation Seminars

A significant part of the Board's responsibility is effective communication with practitioners concerning public health. In addition to information disseminated during inspections, through renewal mailings and the salon newsletter, the Board hosts health and sanitation seminars.



These seminars facilitate practitioner's efforts to comply with all health and sanitation regulations. Each session lasts approximately 90 minutes and is held at a mutually convenient time and location. There is **NO CHARGE OR FEE** to attend these seminars.

Contact the Board office to schedule a seminar.

### Salons of Hope

Domestic violence is one of society's dark secrets. Yet, domestic violence is a problem that is pervasive, affects a huge part of the population, and is a growing societal problem.

Between 3 and 4 million women are battered each year; 1 out of 3 women report being abused at some point in their lifetime. Every nine seconds a woman is beaten in the United States, and it most often happens behind closed doors,

In October 2004, the YWCA of Wichita and the Wichita Police Department implemented a new collaborative initiative that provides assistance for victims of domestic violence. The program is called Salons of Hope.

The Salons of Hope program trains salon professionals in the Wichita area to recognize the signs of abuse. Chryle Nofsinger-Wiens, Executive Director of the YWCA of Wichita, said, "I truly believe the Salons of Hope program has already made a significant impact on improving the quality of life for many people in our community. The program empowers stylists to be part of the solution to ending domestic violence by reaching out to their clients who may be victims but who may not know about the resources available to them."

It is this linking of the community salon to a domestic violence resource that provides a unique way to empower the individual stylist. If you are interested in having a Salons of Hope project in your community, please call Jeanette Stauffer, Statewide Victims' Rights Coordinator, Office of the Attorney General Phill Kline at 785-296-2215.

### New Inspector

Please welcome Kelly Mumford as the inspector for the eastern-southeastern portion of Kansas. Kelly is a licensed cosmetologist (18 years) and a licensed instructor.

### Appointments to the Board

The Board's regulatory responsibility is to protect the health and safety of the consuming public and promote high standards of professional practice. The members of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology are appointed by the Governor. Should you be interested in serving as a board member, please submit a cover letter and resume to:

*Director of Appointments*

*Office of the Governor*

*State Capitol, 300 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite 212S*

*Topeka, Kansas 66612-1590*

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